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Safeway to reduce plant odor

Neighborhood residents who petitioned against the strong odors of burned coffee filling the air have been informed by the Bay Area Air Pollution Control District and the Safeway Coffee Plant at 1501 Mariposa Street that Safeway has plans to rebuild the plant and "alleviate or possibly eliminate the odor" by September of 1972.

The petition of 29 Hill residents was presented to both the Air Pollution Control District (APCD) and Safeway in November. Inspector Ernest Brown of the APCD contacted Safeway to advise them of receipt of the petition and immediately began a re-evaluation of this company's operation.

It was determined that the Safeway Coffee Plant meets the three air pollution requirements which

1) prohibit open burning with specifically stated exceptions such as training fires and recreational fires,

2) LIMIT amounts of visible contaminants put into the atmosphere by any stationary operation, and

3) LIMIT reactive organic compounds put into the atmosphere by any stationary operation.

Health and Safety Code #24360 prohibits companies from causing a public nuisance by their operation, but there is no specific odor control except for sulphur dioxide and hydrogen sulfide gases which cause a "rotten egg smell."

Inspector Brown pointed (Continued on back page)



Potrero's Russians

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Hill crime main topic at PCR monthly meet

The Police Community Relations meeting was held recently at the Potrero Hill Library on 20th Street to discuss the Hill's reportedly increasing crime rate and residents views on the subject.

Residents noted that minors have been consuming alcoholic beverages on the library steps in broad daylight. Hill merchants have been forced to close for an hour or so after schools let out to alleviate petty thefts by school children.

The Police Department, represented by Lt. Frank Syma, Sgt. Matt Krilitich, Sgt. Persiley and officers Gustafson and Grimes came to hear residents' grievances and report on progress.

Lt. Syma, speaking to the issue of the library steps, said that he had no reports of trouble in that vicinity, but that he would see that the matter be given attention. As for the problem of thefts by school children, Syma said closing was as good idea as any, since the police department cannot cover each store for petty theft, outside of catching and bringing charges against individual children.

When questioned concerning the drug situation on the Hill, Syma said that this was under investigation by the narcotics detail and added that he was aware of two narcotics drop-off locations raided in the last month. He believes that effective narcotic control has now been initiated on the Hill.

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House Board postpones selection of new director

The Potrero Hill Neighborhood House Board of Directors failed to select an executive director at Monday night's meeting in spite of urging from its own personnel committee.

A dozen supporters of Enola Maxwell, one of the candidates under consideration, objected to Paul Sherrill's announcement that the meeting was only open to Board members. After making brief speeches, the group departed.

The Board mandated the personnel committee to seek more candidates, screen them, and have them appear before the full Board on January 10.

The main qualification for the position is administrative experience in community organization in line with the purposes and goals of the House.

Salary is open and nego-

tiabile, depending upon the applicant's experience and qualifications.

Applications should include a resume of education and experience related to the position, personnel data, salary desired, availability date, and at least three references.

This information should be sent to Robert Stevens, Chairman, Personnel Committee, PHNH, 728 Wisconsin St., San Francisco, 94107, no later than December 15, 1971.

In other business, the Board voted to allow the "Freedom" School to remain in the House until the beginning of Christmas vacation.

George Dorsey, representing the anti-busing school, replied to previous charges of racism by stating that the school was open to all school age children.

Goat Hill, Inc. gets HEW grant

Goat Hill Inc. announced last month that it has received a \$41,000 grant from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare for a program to support the Board of Education's desegregation plan.

The group is one of seven in San Francisco awarded grants. Its efforts will cover the zone III area of the Horseshoe Plan, which includes the Mission District and Chinatown as well as Potrero Hill.

Goat Hill Inc., which was formed last spring by mem-

bers of the congregation of Olivet Presbyterian Church, will staff and operate a three part program aimed at increasing communication and understanding between the different ethnic groups living in the zone III area.

The backbone of the effort will be exchange community dinners, similar to the bi-weekly gatherings which have been taking place at the church for over a year.

It is hoped that the dinners will provide an opor-

Boas to talk on consumer affairs plan

Supervisor Roger Boas will outline his plan for a commission and department of consumer affairs at the Potrero Hill Residents and Homeowners Council meeting on Wednesday, December 7, according to Elaine Sundahl, program chairwoman.

The plan, developed by a citizens committee headed by Harry Pollard, includes the provision to issue subpoenas in cases of flagrant and constant violation of consumer protection laws.

The proposed consumer affairs commission would make policy for the department of consumer affairs. This department, under a director, would establish three divisions -- education and research, credit counseling, and consumer protection.

Boas' ordinance, based on the committee plan, also spells out the type of representation on the nine member commission. Included are representatives (Continued on back page.)

Olivet bazaar

This weekend is your last chance to sample some fine home-baked goodies at the Olivet Church Bazaar. Stop by and help the church recover from last month's fire-bombing.

tunity for people of different cultures to mix, share ethnic foods, hear speakers and generally get to know one another on a personal basis.

A communications network and a tutoring program are also planned

Staff will be hired from the various districts included in zone III.

Enola Maxwell, head of Goat Hill Inc., was pleased with the grant. "It is a real shot in the arm, coming as it did right after the fire."



Hill residents Doris Brin Walker and Margaret Burnham consult with their client, Angela Davis, as a Marin County Sheriff's Deputy looks on.

Free Angela committee

The National United Committee to Free Angela Davis is forming a branch on Potrero Hill. The committee, whose main function has been to raise money for the continued defense of political prison-

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How we see it Christmas spirit?

The Mob

As we enter the season of Peace on Earth and Good Will Towards Men, the Mob wonders about the generosity of spirit motivating the San Francisco Police Department and downtown store owners, who plan on purging holiday sidewalks of street artists and craftsmen.

These people are not selling their wares on the street because they are bored with their jobs, and they are not trying to capitalize (pun intended) on the desperation of shoppers and tourists. They are supporting themselves in this way because so few jobs are available in this city these days, as everyone (even the policemen and retailers) is well aware.

Many visitors to San Francisco in recent months have commented on the colorfulness of the street vendors, as well as the excellent quality of their products. While we doubt that the downtown merchants are motivated by greed and fear of competition from these people, we appeal to their better natures as well as their holiday spirit, and ask that they allow these people to continue with their work. MERRY CHRISTMAS !!!

Hills and Dales

Help or hinder?

Bill Dawson

All battles are not fought with guns but the wounds inflicted can be just as deadly as those caused by bullets.

I am speaking of the ability to gossip, spread rumors, and cause untold damage to a person using nothing but a malicious tongue.

To exist in this world and keep up with its ever-changing ways is hard enough, without adding to its injustices the maligning of a person's character for reasons of jealousy, envy, or a number of other revolting characteristics of human nature.

Mr. Thomas Sammon, current principal of Potrero Hill Jr. High School, has been the victim of this deplorable tactic and has had to withstand the onslaught of maliciousness and character assassination intended to cost him his job in favor of a black principal for the high school.

I am a staunch adversary of all types of discrimination. If Mr. Sammon were black, I would support him just as much as I do now, for one reason and one reason only. He is the best man for the job.

Attacks have been launched at Mr. Sammon on the basis of his prior position, calling him a "Pelton Reject" (Pelton Jr. High was his last place of employment). What his opponents always fail to relay is that Mr. Sammon was at the school for 11 years, both in teaching and administrative capacities.

It stands to reason, if the man was half as bad as he is supposed to be, it sure as hell wouldn't have taken 11 years to get rid of him.

He also wouldn't be the top contender for the position of Principal of Potrero Hill Jr. High School over 15 aspirants.

Having heard the speeches of 14 of the candidates, I came to the conclusion that of these, Mr. Sammon was the best man. I agreed with the Board of Education when they appointed him administrator.

His permanent appointment is now being deferred due to opposition from members of the community who believe that the principal should be black. I wonder... if the situation were reversed, would the white population balk at a black principal?

If either faction, black or white, does not consider the man's qualifications (outside of malicious talk), his ability to handle the job, and above all, his teaching standards, God help us! If that is the case, we have reverted to a complete racist society.

Mr. Sammon has performed admirably in his position. The school is running smoothly, the students are happy under his administration, and he has 25 of the 26 teachers under him supporting him in his efforts.

Based only upon his expertise, administrative ability, and teaching standards, I support Tom Sammon. I call upon those who also believe in him to support him in letters or in person at the Board of Education. In my opinion, we can't afford to lose him.



Jennifer Kaufman

Letters to the VIEW

Hill memories

Editor:

I have read about the Russian Molokani on Potrero Hill. Here's what I remember about some groups.

I came with my father and his group of about 15 families. Each family had at least eight children, ages from 16 to five. I was six years of age.

We all got off a ship near the Ferry Building. We were loaded on wagons and taken to 16th and Wisconsin or close by. We were unloaded with baggage and people on S. P. Railroad property, for the time being until the group decided to buy lots on the Hill.

We moved to 21st-22nd and DeHaro and Rhode Island Streets. Some bought shacks and later began to build some houses.

I went to school in 1907 to Bryant at 22nd Street with other kids ages six to 12. Older ones went to work and had no schooling.

I went to work in the shipyards at age 14. Most of the men and teenagers worked there. We all walked there and back. After work they carried wood for stoves on their backs. We had plenty of work at home to cement walls and steps.

We had four or five groups. Prigouni means Jumpers, and Pastani means no jumping allowed. They intermarried, which no one minded, only they went to separate churches or meetings.

My father had a Russian Community House at 950 De Haro Street from 1907 to 1917.

When many Russians decided to go to Arizona to live and work on community farms, I lived and worked there for three years. I worked for the Russian Brotherhood just for room and board, no pay. I worked for the Am-

ericans on farms for \$60, room and food.

I skipped around, working for different families, some free and others paid. I lived in a lot of different places. Different families, also my own.

I did not attempt to buy property as I was always community minded. Brotherhood is my main object. I am now 70 years of age.

The church we had last at 862 DeHaro has been vacant for about 10 years. The elders have passed on and many are sick. The younger ones don't know what's going on. *Chad Dopl.*
Fedor Bushnoff

Less feuding

Editor:

I am very pleased with "our" paper. It is well done. I am happy to see so many "little people" included and considered. I especially enjoyed the Organic gardening article since this is one of my hobbies.

I attended the theatre one Saturday night (Julian) and was very pleased at the great talent among us.

I have only one critical comment at the moment,

less feuding with the Boosters Club, more tolerance and understanding each for the other. I am not a Booster member, more or less neutral. There are always two sides. I am sure you both sincerely love the "Hill" and the humans that reside here. (I am enclosing \$2.50 for a year's subscription.) Sincerely,
Joan Casebier

More VIEW

Editor:

When I last visited my grandparents they showed me a copy of your newspaper. I was delighted with it and all of the interesting news contained therein. Keep up the fine work. I would like my grandparents to receive this paper on a regular basis so thence the enclosed check. They have lived on the "Hill" for over 62 years and know much of its history, so they are naturally very interested in your paper. I grew up on the "Hill" but now live in another part of the city. Keep up this fine journalism. Good wishes,
Barbara Lopez

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A simple style of life

Potrero Hill's Russians

Ethel Dunn

(This POTRERO VIEW exclusive was written by Ethel Dunn, executive secretary of the Highgate Road Social Research Station, Inc. of Berkeley.)

One of the most interesting groups on Potrero Hill is a group of Russians who are called Molokans. The name itself is the subject of some dispute: who are the true Molokans? Is it those who call themselves "Steadfast" (Postoyannye) or is it the "Jumpers" (Prigunyy)? The word "Molokan" is in fact only a nickname, some say as a result of settlement in an area of the Russian Empire called Molochna-ya Voda (Milky Waters); others say that the name arose because of the people's preference for "the milk of the spirit" (the



Molokan Madonna

Bible); still others declare that Molokans acquired the name because, unlike the Russian Orthodox, they drank milk during the numerous fast-days of the Russian Orthodox calendar.

Molokans prefer to be called "Spiritual Christians," and the distinction between "Steadfast" and "Jumpers," while of con-

siderable historical and political importance within the Russian Empire, is only of theological interest today. The Steadfast sing psalms from the Bible, and the melodies are very slow and solemn, almost mournful. They do not believe that jumping is a manifestation of the Holy Spirit, and this is one of their chief differences with the Prigunyy. Both groups, in fact, believe that each man can receive and preach the word of God, and thus no one is paid for his services.

Ordinary Sunday services are very simple. Psalms are sung by the whole congregation, men, women, and sometimes even children; and chapters from the Bible are read and interpreted by the presviter (elder) and

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The eastern side of the Hill, warm and sheltered looks over S.F. Bay

by other men who are called "besedniki" (speakers). Prayers are offered, usually by the presviter, but sometimes by the congregation in unison.

Services today, as in the past, are conducted in Russian, although from time to time, especially during communal dinners held after services, someone will be called upon to say a few words, and will respond in English.

The true Molokan in his church does more than commune with God—he shares his faith and its meaning with his community; he also shares his joys (when he marries or when his

vival depends on its young people.

When the scraps from the table are cleared away, the bread is gathered up separately, and never mixed with the trash. What has not been eaten is distributed to members of the community who, through illness or old age, are unable to attend.

Part may also be given to the family or friends who have worked since early meal, but no one is otherwise paid.

When the tables have been stacked up and the floor swept, the family holding the "obed" asks a blessing from the "presviter" and the elders of the church. More psalms are sung, and the collection which has been taken up that day is given to the family to help defray expenses (frequently it is returned to the church).

A Molokan service, followed by such a dinner, is a remarkable display both of Christian and of community spirit, and the outsider invited to observe it is fortunate indeed, because he knows that he has seen a ritual unchanged in its essentials for more than 150 years.

He looks around the austere simple church—the windows hung with white curtains, a white cloth on the table around which the "presviter" and "besedniki" sit, and no decoration except a few stylized flowers in primary colors painted on the ceiling around the chandeliers.

The women sit on one side of the church, the men on the other. Some men wear a Russian shirt, buttoned at the side of the neck, long-sleeved and belted with a plaited sash, but otherwise undecorated.

The color is frequently white, but sometimes one can guess which couples are married by matching up pastels.

Women wear long-sleeved, full-skirted pastel dresses, sometimes cut like a shirtwaist, although elderly women wear a skirt ending at mid-calf and a pleated long-sleeved blouse which covers the waistband. A headshawl ("kosinka") is obligatory for married women. It is worn gracefully draped over the head and shoulders and crossed under the chin, sometimes fastened by a Russian-style brooch.

Older residents of Potrero Hill say that at one time, people came to church

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Calendar of Hill Events

DECEMBER 2, Thursday
Potrero Hill Junior High School will hold a pot luck dinner in the cafeteria at 6:30 p.m., 655 DeHaro St.
Potrero Hill Youth Council meeting, 7 p.m. at the Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St.

DECEMBER 3, Friday
Olivet Church Dinner meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church, 400 Missouri St.

DECEMBER 4, Saturday
Olivet Church Bazaar, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the church, 400 Missouri St. Arts and Crafts will be sold. Chicken Dinners and other foods will be sold for raising money for the church.

DECEMBER 5, Sunday
St. Teresa's Annual Family Breakfast will be served in the church hall, 19th & Connecticut Streets. Adults 99¢, children 50¢.
Olivet Bazaar, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. See above.

DECEMBER 6, Monday
Community Action Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St.

Starr King School children will present a Christmas Program, 10 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. in the school auditorium, 1215 Carolina St. Parents are invited.

DECEMBER 8, Wednesday
Potrero Hill Junior High PTA meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium, 655 DeHaro St.

Potrero Hill Residents & Homeowners Council meeting, 8 p.m. at the Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St.

DECEMBER 9, Thursday
St. Teresa's Parish Community meeting, 8 p.m. in the church hall, 19th & Connecticut Streets.

DECEMBER 13, Monday
Citizens Improvement Association meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the all-purpose

room at Starr King School, 1215 Carolina St.

DECEMBER 14, Tuesday
Zone III Parents Council meeting, (1st elected delegates meeting) 7:30 p.m. at Daniel Webster School, 465 Missouri St.

DECEMBER 16, Thursday
Patrick Henry School Christmas Program. Parents are invited. For details, call school at 824-2921.

DECEMBER 18, Saturday
St. Teresa's Pot Luck and Christmas Program, 6 to 9:30 p.m. in the church hall, 19th & Connecticut Streets.

DECEMBER 20, Monday
Community Action Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St.

DECEMBER 22, Wednesday
St. Stephen's Baptist Church Christmas Program at the church, 800 22nd St. For details, call 822-2343.

DECEMBER 25, Saturday
St. Teresa's Midnight Mass, 12 Midnight at the church, 19th & Connecticut Streets.

St. Stephen's Baptist Church Sunrise Service, 6 a.m. at the church, 800 22nd St.

DECEMBER 27, Monday
Booster and Merchants Association meeting, 8 p.m. at the Library, 1616 20th St.
Citizens Improvement Association meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the all-purpose room at Starr King School, 1215 Carolina St.

DECEMBER 31, Friday
Olivet Church Dinner meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church, 400 Missouri St.

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CULTURE



The Storyteller (Doug Ohmans) surrounded by mob.

Two one-acts

Identity crisis

Julian Wurm

Surrealism has become an integral part of American culture. So much a part, in fact, that it is now possible to sit home and watch television, go to the opera, a movie, a musical or repertory stage production and--no matter what you see--leave with the elements of your own reality totally suspended. This may amount to an identity crisis.

This is the way the latest Julian Theatre production of two one-act plays began, with its presentation of Ionesco's "The Lesson".

This particular Ionesco play receives no innovative treatment at the hands of the Julian company or its director Brenda Reineccius. The story deals with a young girl who receives her first school lesson from a professor. Through the unwillingness of the professor or the girl to accept each other's definitions of fundamental concepts, it ends in the girl's murder. Done properly, the play should build slowly and progressively to this climax, reaching increased peaks according to the level of confrontation. This production lost a lot of its force when its characters lost this rhythm.

The second play on the bill, "A Storyteller From Flea Street," had far more room for development and achieved a greater measure of success.

Written by Dennis Jasudowicz, the play follows the changing attitudes of the inmates of an insane asylum as they watch the weekly performances of their beloved Storyteller. The Storyteller's technique is to use the story of his life to make revelations on the condition of man in relation to the "universal scheme." The inmates, who have no fixed ideas of independent reasoning, believe only in him. When one of the members of the group, the Nasty Man, persists in using his own lofty logic to refute the Storyteller's conclusions, they become driven to sporadic outbursts of thought and reach a chaotic conclusion that "God is mad."

The company's efforts in this play were very successful. Director Richard Reineccius had a subtle enough imagination to bring out the interdependence of all the characters. Under his direction, the inmates didn't form an audience, they formed a mob. They didn't listen to the Storyteller, they grabbed the words from his mouth, sometimes before he even spoke. They gave a voice to the Storyteller, who tried to understate his role, and in doing so glorified him.

The best example of their interdependence was in their treatment of the Nasty Man, who they hated in the beginning of the play and later learned to love and revere. This is not to say that every line of importance received its just due in this treatment, which was often a melange. But the players' fidelity to their characterizations kept the play moving freely and entertainingly along to its end.

(Editor's note: Potrero Hill residents are invited to a free performance of "A Storyteller from Flea Street" and "The Lesson" Thursday, December 9, at 8:30 p.m. at the Julian Theatre, 953 DeHaro Street.)

Calendar

JULIAN THEATRE

Dylan Thomas' play, "Under Milk Wood" will be presented Sunday and Monday, December 5 and 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St.

A special holiday show featuring "Peter and the Wolf" will be performed

Saturday, December 11 and 18, at 11 a.m. Admission 75¢ for children and \$1.25 for adults.

"A Storyteller from Flea Street" and "The Lesson" will run Fridays and Saturdays through December 18. Performances begin at 8:30. Admission is \$2.

Harmony Tycoons strum

"The Harmony Tycoons", better known as Ed Rudolph and Howie Tarnower; claim they have enough talent to carry them almost anywhere they want to go.

Friends since college days at Oakland University in Michigan, Ed and Howie formed their own rock'n'roll band immediately after they left school. Later, their paths separated and they each performed in a variety of musical groups from coast to coast.

After years of unrelated activity, they renewed their friendship and their musical collaboration in San Francisco. They developed a style something like country music with their own variations.

"We take songs from different idioms and play them like they were written for a '30's country band. For instance, we take rock'n'roll songs, Beatle songs, etc., and play them on our regular instruments, instead of electronic instruments, and get maybe a funky country type of harmony." Ed, who plays guitar, explained while Howie fiddled, "our music is a sort of bluegrass type of country. A country rock'n'roll, if you know what I mean." Howie also plays mandolin and banjo.

Residents of Potrero Hill for just a short time, Howie and his wife Eileen settled on Connecticut Street right after returning from a two year stint in Korea where they both taught in the Peace Corps. They continue to teach, now at an alternative elementary school in North Beach.

Ed and Howie have per-

Dylan Thomas coming to Hill

The Julian Theatre will present Dylan Thomas' "Under Milk Wood" in full production Sunday and Monday evening, Dec. 5 & 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St.

This "Play for Voices" will be directed by Edward Weingold and features a cast of eight playing some sixty characters who people the imaginary Welsh hamlet of Llareggub. First presented in the United States in 1953, shortly before the author's death at 39, it is Dylan Thomas' recognized masterpiece. Conceived originally as a radio play, "Under Milk Wood" will be given a full production by the Julian Company in a patchwork of mime, dance, song, and comedy.

The cast features Alma Becker, Nancy Cayet, Russell Ellison, Bob Lashbrook, Diane Racine, Beth Schwarzman, Gary Schwarzman, and Bill Wolf. The two performances at the Julian's residence theatre on Potrero Hill will precede a tour of colleges and high schools. For ticket and group rate information, call 647-8098.



Ed and Howie -- The Harmony Tycoons.

formed at the recent San Francisco Art Festival, and are regular performers at Mooney's and the Coffee Gallery on Grant Avenue in North Beach, and at the Ribeltad Vorden in Bernal Heights.

Asked their preference between playing in large bands or just together, Ed replied, "It's easier to get work as a duo, because we can play almost anywhere. We don't require electricity. It's not as much of a grind as with a large band; equipment, managers, etc."

"The Harmony Tycoons" are members of the Street

Artists Guild, although they claim "we never have trouble on the streets. It's been very rewarding being street musicians. We often play at Fisherman's Wharf and the businesses like us there. No one hassles us and we make some money. Once in a while we get taken on boat rides."

Currently, Ed and Howie can be seen and heard some week-end nights at Potrero Hill's own entertainment spot, the Garden of Earthly Delights.

Through December 4, they will be playing at The Boarding House, 960 Bush St.

Sanchez on black women highlights Grassroots show

Dramatists wishing to say something to their audiences often miss their target, or are so off into their "own thing" that they leave their message and the audience hanging, or furious, or bewildered. Of the four presentations which opened the current season for the Grassroot Experience Theatre Company last month at the Julian Theatre, the first two were quite disappointing in this respect, the third was highly successful. The last segment of the program was in a class by itself.

"Prayer Meeting or the First Militant Minister" by Ben Caldwell, and "Notes From a Savage God" by Ronald Drayton, were mildly interesting, but little more than workshop type exercises. The Grassroot company is talented, but when the material they perform is weak it is a discredit to the actors.

The third effort of the group, however, "Queens of the Universe", a poem by Sonia Sanchez, showed how clearly material and talent can combine to enhance an evening at the theatre. Janice Cobb's read-

ing of this poem was a theatrical highlight which left this viewer wishing there were more.

Author Sanchez, in this dramatized poem, speaks to her black sisters about their dignity, beauty and responsibilities. In this work Ms. Sanchez brilliantly enlightens her view of what a black woman's role in society should be for everyone in the audience, man or woman, white or black.

The last piece of entertainment on the program was a vintage film of Besie Smith (1929) that should not be missed by film and jazz buffs, or anyone else, for that matter.

This entire program, including film, will be shown at both Laney and San Francisco State Colleges during the months of December and January. Other Grassroot activities include current rehearsals for the company's second season offering of "Electronic Nigger" and "Gila Monster" by Cecil Brown, and "Steady Rap" by Richard Wesley. These three plays will be produced in February of 1972.

R.P.

A STORYTELLER FROM FLEA STREET by Dennis Jasudowicz and THE LESSON by Eugene Ionesco
8:30pm \$2.00 Fri. & Sats.--Nov. 26 thru Dec. 18

UNDER MILK WOOD by Dylan Thomas
7:30pm \$2.00 Sun. & Mon.--Dec. 5 & 6

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JULIAN THEATRE

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A dispersed community

The Molokan Settlement

(Continued from page 3.) in city-style Sunday best, and these pastel scarves, dresses and shirts are part of an attempt to preserve what is Molokan.

What is now a Sunday "uniform" or costume was once simple Russian peasant dress worn every day, and, older residents will admit, laughed at by those who considered it "country."

An outsider looks around the Molokans' church on Carolina Street and wonders if he knows the Molokans

to show His might to the lowly humans who forget their proper place and raise themselves to heaven.

"The way we were met at San Francisco deserves a careful description. Our group consisted of four families, or about 30 people. We did not know a soul in the city. As soon as we went ashore, we were surrounded by agents offering us their services. But we did not know what to do. Soon the police came to our rescue. Finding out that

our neighbors, began building small dwellings for ourselves. The government assigned fine lots for such settlers, complete with running water and laboratories. This was already a luxury compared with the living conditions we had had before. By this time the Hawaii migrants joined us in San Francisco, as well as several families from Panama.

"By the end of 1906, even though we were living in improvised houses, we were quite happy. We all, Molokans and Baptists, were getting together for prayer meetings. Soon, because of the influx of new people from Russia, we divided -- but it was a friendly one. We divided into two groups and started to organize our own communities. In the second half of 1907 and the first half of 1908 large parties of brother Molokans of the Kars district joined us...."

In an expanded version of this account, published in Russian in 1955, Fitisoff adds that a German named John Ross helped the Molokans to find work in the Union Iron Works; Ross was a carpenter and he knew one of the foremen in the shops.

By 1907 the Molokan community was holding prayer meetings in the Fitisoff brothers' house at 949 Rhode Island Street, and later at 2002 22nd Street. The present Molokan church on Carolina Street was built in 1937, and a group of Jumpers from Los Angeles came up to attend its dedication. Fitisoff says that there were 120 members of the original colony, counting only the Steadfast ones.

An interview with Ivan Fadeev was published in the Russian daily Novaya Zarya on December 25, 1936. He could not say whether Molokan boys had

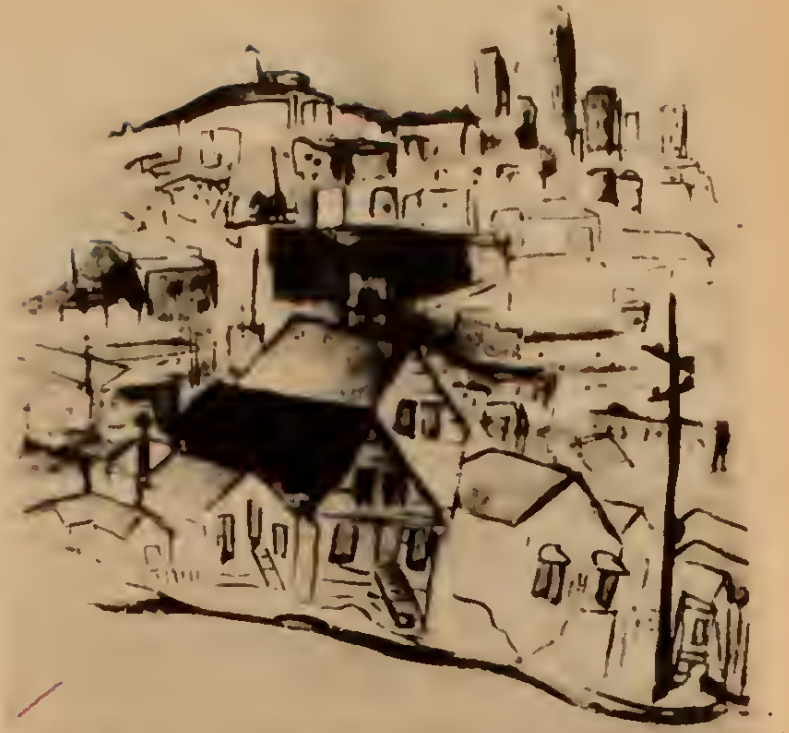


Sitting in the sun

participated in the First World War and the American intervention in Siberia in 1918, but he doubted it. Molokans had come to America, after all, because among other things, it was not necessary to serve in the army.

For many (but not all) Molokans, bearing arms is considered a sin. The Molokan Review for August 1944 contains a list of 20 San Francisco Jumper and about 17 San Francisco Steadfast Molokans (including one woman) who had served in the U.S. Army.

How many others may have sat it out in conscientious objector camps is not known. On the face of the account given in John Bero-koff's Molokans in America



The City below and beyond

one can assume that few or none did, since the San Francisco financial contribution to the camps was not large. On the other hand, Molokan participation in Russian War Relief was substantial (\$22,574.00 in monetary contributions through December 30, 1943, and \$5,669.33 in shoes and clothing; by way of comparison the Russian United Relief Society contributed a total of \$95,738.83), according to a member John Bataeff. In 1941, men, women and children packed the Carolina Street church to roll bandages, and the effort was commemorated by a (so far) anonymous poet, in the August 1944 Molokan Review.

Today, Molokans on Potrero Hill prefer to attract as little attention as possible, and their seeming disregard of what goes on outside their own church community, with its emphasis on a Russian-Molokan past, must seem like hostility. Whether they vote, or how they vote, and how they earn their livings today, as compared to how they did in the past (as laundresses, carpenters, ship-builders, furniture makers, long-shoremen), they prefer to see as their own business.

An account written in 1924 describing a "thanksgiving" and rededication to the Molokan faith (held on the street in a specially constructed tent) makes it quite clear that the Jumper contingent in San Francisco must have been stronger in the early years than today. In those days, because of the seriousness with which the residents took their religion, Potrero Hill was sometimes called "Holy Hill." Fitisoff notes that there were five prayer houses all within two or three blocks of each other.

Perhaps this great diversity took its toll on the Molokans as a religious group. Fitisoff says that there were about 700 persons in 1945. A group of Molokan immigrants totaling 671 persons had settled in the United States

by 1952, thanks to the unceasing efforts of their relatives in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

An apparent example of these efforts--the visit by the Turkish press representative to the United Nations Conference to the Molokans--caused a reporter to call them a "Turkish sect." There is a 1945 Examiner clipping which describes "a little meeting of the Russian Mothers Club out at the Potrero Hill neighborhood house...." There is a picture showing Mrs. Mary Chernikoff dispensing tea from a magnificent brass samovar, but the general inaccuracy of the story is no doubt one reason why Molokans today are unwilling to talk to outsiders, or to discuss what their relationship to the larger world beyond Potrero Hill may have been.

Perhaps they regret their involvement, since it has caused the decline of the religious community. An outsider counting names in the 1970 Molokan Directory totalled up 180 surnames, and that only by adding in residents from areas within "commuting distance" of the Molokan Church, since, until recently, families came from as far away as Santa Rosa to church. But this outsider appeals to Molokans who may see something of value in writing down the Molokan past and hopes for the future, to communicate with her at: 32 Highgate Road, Berkeley, California 94707.



The Molokan Church

once he has seen a service and participated in an "o-bed." How and why did the Molokans come here, and how many are there? Unfortunately, when he begins to ask questions, he encounters the negative side of the Molokans. Why? Who wants to know? How can we be interesting? These are the usual responses. Molokans love their past, the outsider discovers if he perseveres, but the past is persecution and survival in Russia, not necessarily in Potrero Hill.

Here is what an outsider, with considerable effort, has learned of Molokan life on Potrero Hill: Vasily S. Fitisoff wrote in the Molokan Review for August, 1945: "When we came to San Francisco (from Hawaii in October 1906), we were terrified at the sight. Instead of buildings, we found debris of broken masonry and lumber. Market Street was covered by debris, and only one street-car was in operation. The picture was appalling. It was obvious that the Lord wanted

we had no place to go, they decided to send us out of town to the city dump. Soon a large van arrived, the driver loaded all our baggage and went along Third Street, ordering us to follow on foot. Having gone for about three miles, the driver unloaded our baggage near the city dump and turned back, despite all our protests, telling us he had done what he was told to do by the police.

"As evening was approaching, we could do nothing but to start looking for some more appropriate place to sleep. We were not the first group here -- other unfortunates were around us. They advised us to consider the sad plight of the city -- thousands of its inhabitants were no better off than ourselves. So we decided to make the best of it. The rainy weather was approaching, and we started to build something like shepherd's huts -- and finally we found ourselves living in comparative comfort.

"Soon the government began to build thousands of small prefabricated houses, but there was not enough of them for all, and therefore we, taking a hint from

Design exhibit

On current exhibition at the Randolph Schaeffer School of Design, 2255 Mariposa St., are works by first year students. Tapestries, three-dimensional designs and general color design works are displayed.

A recent innovation at the Schaeffer School is the division of students into two categories: Interior Design and Color Design.

Benefit concert

Ken Zeigenfuss, currently resident artist at the Montalvo Center for the Arts in Saratoga, California, will perform a program of solo piano music Sunday, December 19, at 8 p.m. at the Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St.

The concert, which will include sonatas by Mozart and Schubert and works of Bartok and Debussy, is a benefit for THE POTRERO VIEW and the Neighborhood House piano.

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SURVIVAL

In case of poisoning here's what to do

In all cases of poisoning it is important to get the poison out or to dilute the poison. Any non-food substance is a potential poison and if anyone swallows poison it is an emergency.

If your child swallows poison:

- 1) Call your doctor or the San Francisco General Pediatric Clinic at 648-8200, IMMEDIATELY!
- 2) Dilute the poison when ever possible. Give glass of water.
- 3) Make the patient vomit, if so directed by the doctor, BUT NOT IF: the patient is unconscious or having fits, the swallowed poison was a strong corrosive, or if the swallowed poison contained kerosene, gasoline or other petroleum distillates (unless it contains dangerous insecticide as well, which must be removed).

pared to deal with poisoning as any hospital in the Bay Area," says Dr. Del Pascoe, head of the Pediatric Department.

San Francisco General also has the special advantage of kidney and hemo (blood)- dialysis units for patients in grave danger.

Besides being well-equipped to handle emergencies, the Pediatric Clinic staff are community



oriented and very concerned with preventive medicine. They are anxious to promote education about the dangers of accidental poisoning and safety measures which can be taken at home.

Dr. Pascoe reports that "In the past, the most frequent poison children got into was, hands down, aspirin. But nowadays, the greatest danger comes from tranquilizers. We also see cases of narcotic poisoning in children."

Baby aspirin companies voluntarily began bottling aspirin in small numbers as a safety measure. People will have to put pressure on drug companies and private pharmacies to provide the "palm and turn safety caps" which are an excellent poison preventive measure for all bottled medicines.

Another safety measure recommended by Dr. Pascoe is keeping a bottle of Syrup of Ipecac in the home for making children vomit if they swallow poison.

"This is especially important for parents whose children have already had such an accident," says Dr. Pascoe, "for those children are 10 times as likely to get into the same kind of trouble again."

Save Bay meet set for Dec. 11

An all-day conference on illegal Bay filling and public use is set for Saturday, December 11, at Boalt Hall on the UC Berkeley campus.

The purposes of Save San Francisco Bay Association, sponsors of the session, are closely linked with Potrero Hill's concerns in the development of the Central Waterfront. These efforts are being led by the Waterfront Committee of the Residents and Homeowners Council. Members are John Coney, Ginny March, Paul Sherrill, and Elaine Sundahl.

Entitled "Is the Public Losing the Bay?", the conference will deal with the problems of enforcement and prevention of filling, workshops on citizen activities in monitoring the shoreline, and an exploration of the status of permanent public use areas, as established by BCDC six years ago.

Anyone interested in attending the conference may contact Elaine Sundahl at 282-4113 for further information.



David Edwards Van Norden

The tree on the left has never been trimmed. All leaves up to the crossbar should be removed in order that the crown, now rather stringy, will fill out. The recently planted tree on the right has been pruned and is on its way to becoming a well-formed tree. Within a few more months, the lower branches should be cut off.

Love your tree!

Many Hill trees need trimming

Within the last 15 months over 500 new trees have been planted on Potrero Hill streets through several organized programs.

Trees are very important to our community. Growing plants add color and shade to large expanses of asphalt and concrete, and serve as noise and pollution deterrents.

For many people, the care and maintenance of a tree may be difficult or bothersome. However, with a minimum of time and know-how, a tree can grow with a long trunk and a pleasing shape.

Trees have died within a few months after planting on the Hill because of neglect and abuse. Very few have met their end through vandalism.

A few suggestions will enable you to enjoy healthy, good-looking trees with a minimum of care.

- *A long watering is better than a short one. Let the hose lie by the tree with only a trickle coming out of it for an hour or two during dry weather. You will not have to water very often during the winter except when there is no rain for more than two weeks.
- *Many people like to in-

sert a two inch diameter pipe placed diagonally toward the root system. This aids in getting water to the roots faster.

- *Be sure that the tree is well supported to withstand the Hill's heavy winds. Allow some room for movement, however.

the "crown" of the tree. This is the top part which is beginning to shape itself as a tree.

- *Cuts should be made with sharp pruning shears as close to the trunk as possible to avoid stubs. With this pruning, growing strength will be redirected into the crown, increasing its height. The trees planted along Hill streets reach a maximum height of 25 to 30 feet and are selected because they rarely interfere with utility wires.
- *A common misconception exists that the trunk of a tree grows as well as the branches. Remember that growth only occurs on the extremities (roots and branches) while the trunk only increases in circumference. Realizing this, you can decide how long the trunk should be. It is recommended that it be higher than the heads of adults.
- *Check the tree periodically for dead branches or abnormal foliage. If trouble develops, consult a nursery for free, good advice.
- *You may protect the area around the tree with bricks, large stones or paving blocks. Small plants, flowers or leaves keep the soil loose.

The grown trees on the Hill that have long trunks and are well-shaped are no accident. They have received care, especially when they were young.

Take a few moments to care for your tree. It will love you for it!



Community blood bank

The Potrero Hill Blood Bank will be accepting donations from Hill residents through the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank Mobile Unit beginning January 15.

According to the Blood Bank's sponsors, the Potrero Hill Boosters and Merchants Association, the project is for the entire neighborhood. "It is for the benefit of all residents, and all residents and friends of Potrero Hill are being asked to participate."

The Blood Bank is available for use by any resident of Potrero Hill--from Potrero Avenue to the Bay, from Army Street to Townsend Street. If any resident receives blood and does not have insurance to pay for it, he or she should call 648-5083 or 285-8196 and indicate that credit be issued for the blood he or she has received.

Sponsors emphasize that the most important thing to remember about a blood bank is that there is blood available--when it is needed. "That's why we're requesting donations. It's a great opportunity to demonstrate friend-

ship and concern for your neighbor. Donate and know that you've done your share," a Booster spokesman said.

The following groups have indicated their participation in the Blood Bank project and have named representatives to a coordinating committee, which will do publicity and sign up volunteers:

- Potrero Hill Boosters and Merchants Association--Lee VanWinkle and Eleanor Cacione.
- Potrero Hill Residents and Homeowners Council--Anna Buck.
- Slovenian Hall Association--Mary Rahmer.
- New Society Youth Club--Faye Richardson.
- Potrero Hill Neighborhood House--Kelly Collins.
- St. Teresa's Church--Henry Smart.
- Patrick Henry School--Mike Monley.
- Potrero Hill Junior High School--Tom Sammon.

If your group is not represented, or if you do not belong to any groups, call 648-5083 or 285-8196, evenings.

Toys needed

A group of sixteen visually handicapped, economically deprived children, ages three to eight, desperately need toys. Any new or used toys can be dropped off at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House at 953 DeHaro Street any day December 6-13 between 9 am and 10 pm. Especially stimulating would be simple puzzles, drawing materials, balls, large toys, etc. The children already have enough stuffed animals. For any information call 864-1889 until 11 am or after 10 pm.

Try some Escargots Potrero

By Janet Cox.

Next time you find yourself cursing at the snails lunching in your petunias, DON'T step on them! Don't even throw them over the fence into your neighbor's yard. Take them into your house, put them into your vivarium, feed them on cornmeal and lettuce leaves, and get ready for Escargots Potrero, using some of the finest eating-snails in the world.

In case you didn't know, all the garden snails in San Francisco are direct descendents of snails brought to the city strictly for eating, by a Frenchman in 1854. Somehow, they escaped captivity (as snails will) and proceeded to take over the countryside. (as snails will). And since Potrero Hill has the best garden weather in the city, it stands to reason that we would have the best garden snails, too.

Our snails are not exactly like the large "apple snails" eaten first by the Romans and now used in France for "escargots." Apple snails are larger. Our snails, "European brown snails," are a different species although they share the same Latin generic name.

There are 300 species of wild snails in California's varied conditions, but none of the wild varieties can survive in cultivated areas. As you may have noticed, the European brown snail THRIVES in well-tended gardens.

HILL DELICACY

Rumor has it that a number of people in San Francisco have been feasting quietly (and happily) on the local snail crop for years. They are the smart ones. The rest of the population, the Snail Smashers, don't know what they have missed.

Two things to keep in mind: snail harvesting for gastronomic purposes is a little more lengthy a prospect than taking your snails directly from petunia to pot. You should feed them healthy, body (?) building food for ten days to two weeks before the feast. And, the secret of all great snails is in the sauce, the butter "a la Bourguignonne." A famous connoisseur once said, "If your sauce is good enough, you could put bubblegum in the shells



David Edwards-Van Norden

A Potrero Hill cousin of the European brown snail, and it would still be marvelous."

CARE AND FEEDING

Your snails should have a comfortable, dampish place to live while you fatten them up and purge their insides of any bad things they might find in a modern garden. A small fish tank, say a foot long and eight inches wide, will hold four or five snails and keep them happy. But since four or five snails is only a tantalizer for a real snail lover, you might want to use an orange crate, which is roomy enough for 30 or 40.

The important thing to remember is that snails might be little, but they are very, very STRONG. Your vivarium should be ventilated, but extremely secure. You will probably want to weight the lid with a brick or two.

In the bottom of the box you should have a couple of inches of nice soil, and some rocks for shelter.

The soil should be kept moist, but not wet; you do not want the place to rot. This is most important.

Your snails will be very happy on a diet of cornmeal and lettuce leaves, with other greens such as carrot or beet tops thrown in for variety. Use about a tablespoon of cornmeal per dozen snails, and put it on a wooden shingle so that it will stay dry. The greens can get wet as you water with a spray bottle, which simulates rain, snails' favorite weather.

Add more food as they need it, and in a couple of weeks your snails will be fatter and healthier than ever before. Then you are ready to cook.

COOKING

You will probably want to use commercially-sold snail shells, which are

much prettier and generally more appetizing than garden snails' shells.

Parboil your snails in rapidly boiling water just long enough to loosen them from their shells--about a minute and a half. The muscular attachment to the shell is about three quarters of the way around the first turn. Gently "unscrew" the snails and discard the shells.

Then soak the snails in a very light solution of lye to cut the slime. This is an important step, but shouldn't take more than a couple of minutes. Rinse them a couple of times in cold water, and let them dry on a paper towel while you make your snail butter.

ESCARGOTS POTRERO

1/2 c. sweet butter
2 T. minced shallots
(or, if necessary, green onion)
2 or 3 cloves mashed garlic
2 T. minced parsley
Salt and pepper

Cream the butter well. Twist the shallots in the corner of a towel to extract their moisture. Beat them into the butter with the garlic and parsley; season to taste with salt and pepper.

Place a small lump of this Burgundy butter in the bottom of each shell. Then stuff the snails into the shells and seal with more butter. Set shells in oven-proof dish and refrigerate until just before you are ready to eat.

Preheat oven to 475 degrees. Put snails in the oven for eight to ten minutes, until the butter is hot and bubbly. Serve immediately with plenty of French bread to soak up the sauce.

Childcare

Mission Model Cities Corporation has opened the first of eight child care centers which will eventually serve 500 children.

Potrero Hill does not lie in the Model Cities Target Area. However, children of Potrero Hill residents who work, go to school or attend a training program in the Mission (Army St. to 11th St., and Dolores St. to Vermont St.) are eligible.

The other main requirement is that both parents (if the child lives with both parents) be employed, studying or in a training program.

Applications are now being taken at 3145 23rd St. For more information, call 648-5755.

Hill lawyer offers help to residents in need

The Potrero Hill Community Law Firm, Inc. has recently opened its office in the Olivet Church on Missouri Street. The firm was founded and is run almost singlehandedly by Judith Brecka, a practicing attorney, with the intention of supplying poor people of the Hill with low cost legal aid. In the few months that the firm has been operating, Ms. Brecka has represented many of these people in drug, criminal, and political cases, and has also helped women handle their own divorces.

Ms. Brecka is mainly concerned with working on drug-related criminal cases. Other free agencies do not often handle these cases with enough understanding to represent the client effectively. Ms. Brecka's approach is to get the criminal addict to kick his habit, before helping him with legal assistance.

Through her dealings with various youth groups, such as Youth Development Volunteer Workers, New Society, and the Mission Mental Health Clinic, she is able to direct her clients to local organizations that are able to help them. These groups, in turn, refer people in need of legal help to her. Such referrals can create more confidence in addicts, who ordinarily can expect to kick their habit in jail, without hope of ever getting out.

Ms. Brecka notes that local merchants, the people most often troubled by addicts, can help by contacting one of the youth groups when a situation arises, but adds that this is not a permanent solution unless "merchants make jobs available" to reformed addicts.

Presently, Ms. Brecka is handling about fifty active cases, while receiving the barest minimum of fees. In order to defray some of the costs of her practice, a cocktail party was held at 819 Eddy Street on November 13, by Supporters of the Potrero Hill

Law Firm. There was a five dollar donation to attend, and although only a few people went, some of them represented professional law firms who were willing to contribute the services of young lawyers from their staffs to help Ms. Brecka with her work.

Although she regularly represents clients in city and county jails, Ms. Brecka is often delayed by police and sheriffs who are not willing to cooperate with a woman. In an effort to make the burden on women and on women lawyers lighter, she has had conferences with Sheriff-elect Hongisto and Undersheriff Greenberg. They assured her of future change in the relationship between the sheriff's department and women lawyers.

Improved relations between the authorities and lawyers of both sexes should strengthen the position of law firms like Potrero Hill's and help them to represent clients more fairly.

Ms. Brecka notes however that real strength can come only from community support. She needs people to donate their time to answer phones and talk to clients who need help, so that she can have more time to handle the legal aspects of her service. Concerned people are needed to sit in on political cases, when they reach the courts. Law books, office equipment and money are needed to keep the office functioning. More than that, Ms. Brecka needs "the community to become more aware. It has a heck of a big drug problem."

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Sgt. Krilitich of the Police Community Relations.

Hill residents discuss crime prevention with police

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The possibility of beat patrolmen in the area was raised and all representatives agreed that this seems to be a good idea. The system is already in effect in the San Bruno district with good results.

Asked why the beat system isn't in effect here at the present time, Lt. Syma declared, "we don't have the personnel," although after graduation of new recruits from the police academy this situation may change.

A number of residents wanted to know whether the local crime rate has actually increased or decreased. The general consensus was that it has decreased; however, no exact statistics were available.

When asked if Captain McFarland, head of the local station, would be agreeable to printing the monthly crime rate statistics for the Hill, Lt. Syma said he was sure that this would be okayed by the Captain.

Sgt. Krilitich, interviewed at a later date, stated that screens on windows and concealed weapons in homes and businesses are no answer to the problems of Hill residents.

He said that effective police control is now in

effect, and that all the reported trouble spots are covered, both by regular patrol cars and by a new detail which operates on the Hill out of two unmarked cars.

He added that visitors to the neighborhood can deduce that the area is a trouble spot only if they note measures taken by the merchants.

Sgt. Krilitich, well known in the area, was asked how this area compared with others in the city, and he said that it is comparable to the "best" neighborhoods.

This is not to say that the Hill crime rate is low. Other neighborhoods receive considerably less publicity.

The Police Community Relations Unit and community volunteers of Southeast District will sponsor a Christmas Party Thursday, December 16, at 7:30 p.m. at Fremont School, 2055 Silver Ave.

Live entertainment will include several talented police officers. Santa Claus promises to be there with candy canes for the children.

All are invited.

Boas to speak

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from neighborhood merchants, a consumer organization, a senior citizens' group, and an organization representing low-income groups.

The Residents and Homeowners Council meets 8 p.m. in the Neighborhood House. A question and answer session will follow Supervisor Boas' presentation.

Reduction in coffee odor due

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out that since there are other coffee-processing plants in the same vicinity as Safeway, it would be very difficult to pin down the exact source of the irritating odors being emitted.

As a result of the petition, APCD engineers met with Safeway engineers. At that time Safeway disclosed that the entire Mariposa St. plant will be rebuilt by September of 1972. Batch roasters and after-burners will be replaced with continuous roasters and new air pollution control equipment at a cost of approximately two million dollars.

Inspector Brown was able to contact 25 of the Potrero Hill petitioners to inform them of what the APCD knows about this coffee plant "from having an inspector in the area every day for the last 10 years."

He also advised them of Safeway's plans to rebuild the plant, which should "allieviate or eliminate" the odors they complained about.

The APCD has the right to call before the Hearing Board companies which they feel are violating the air pollution requirements. Two engineers and an attorney form the Board, which conducts hearings in "a courtroom atmosphere." If the violating companies do not act on the Board's verdict, they may be sent an abatement order.

If they do not follow this order to cease emitting contaminants into the atmosphere, they may be taken to the State Superior Court and charged with contempt of court.

Since the Safeway Company has planned to rebuild their coffee plant within one year, the APCD feels it is not necessary to call them before the Hearing Board to accuse them of being a public nuisance.

The APCD recommends that the petitioners wait and allow Safeway to complete the improvements within the stated time. Inspector Brown will maintain contact with the plant manager to keep a close watch on Safeway's progress in installing the new equipment. The petitioners are urged to contact the APCD (771-6000) to keep informed of the issue and to report on odor conditions in the neighborhood.

Ferlinghetti opens with Beck, Malina

Joseph Krysiak, formerly associated with Project Artaud, and Lawrence Ferlinghetti are announcing the opening of their new theatre, "City Lights Poets", at 430 Mason St.

Their opening venture on Friday, December 3, at 8:30 p.m. will feature an evening with Julian Beck and his actress wife Judith Malina, of the Living Theatre group. They will discuss "Theatre and Revolution."

Admission to the one-night appearance is \$1.

Angela Davis defense

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er Angela Davis, will hold its first public meeting Thursday, December 2, at 8 p.m. at the Potrero Branch Library, 1616 20th St.

The committee was formed by two key members of Angela Davis' defense staff, Doris Brin Walker and Margaret Burnham, who are both Potrero Hill residents.

Speaking at the meeting will be Ms. Walker and Inez Williams, mother of Fleeta Drumgo, a Soledad Brother.

Among the items that will be discussed is a launching of a petition across the country that demands Ms. Davis' release on bail. In June, the court had denied her bail, in spite of the arguments of her defense committee that she is legally entitled to it and that her failing health necessitates it. Nevertheless, the committee is starting a bail fund, expecting that through these efforts, Ms. Davis might finally be released.

Recently, Judge Richard Arnason has granted Ms. Davis the right of co-representation, which entitles her to examine and cross examine witnesses. But she is still in jail, awaiting her trial which has been shifted from Marin to Santa Clara County and is slated to begin January 1.

Information may be obtained about this case by calling 282-2441.

SPORTS

Potrero Hill Recreation Center's flag football league for teens has come to an end after two months of hard hitting and great ball handling. The Rams, led by Rod Talmadge and Ricky Moore, won the 13 year old division, while the Colts, led by Charles Edwards and standby Green, captured the 16 year old title. The league had over 75 youngsters participating on weekdays and Saturday afternoons and because of its success a Christmas Holiday tournament will be sponsored by the Center. Seven outside teams will be invited to compete for city flag football champion.

The adult basketball league was stunned last week by the upset of league-leading Hamilton by the Red Shield ball club. However, Hamilton still leads the league by one game and the playoffs will determine the true victor.

In the playoffs: Hamilton will meet Red Shield on Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 8:30 pm; Al & Ellis will

meet Paradise at 7:15.

The championship game will take place on Wednesday December 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Potrero Hill Rec Center gym.

Six teams for a two month basketball league for thirteen-year-olds-and-under have been chosen and league play will start this week every day after school. A total of 60 youngsters have signed up. The seventeen-year-and-under division has signed up over 60 young men to participate in a league two nights of the week for two months.

Potrero Hill Recreation also has two PAL basketball teams (8th and 9th grade) competing in competition on Saturday mornings and afternoons. Your support in terms of transportation would be greatly appreciated. Thanks to the cooperation of many companies and agencies, Potrero Hill Recreation Center will take a number of youngsters to the snow this weekend.

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